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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Amendments and remarks presented herein are responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2007 (Paper No. 20071105), for which a response was due on February 14, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 14, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.